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SELF EMPLOYMENT TO UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide self-employment to unemployed youths and the skilled youths;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which employment to all the unemployed youths are likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 01-12-1997. The scheme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under employed poor, to help them set up self employment ventures and also through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been comprehensively revamped with effect from 2009-2010.

The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana(SGSY), since 1.4.1999. SGSY is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 75:25 cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided to members of BPL families for creating income generating assets through a mix of bank credit and subsidy. Salient features of the scheme, inter-alia, include organization of the beneficiaries into Self Help Groups (SHGs), their capacity building, training, selection of key activities, planning of activity clusters, provision of infrastructure, technology and marketing support. Special projects with innovative approaches for self employment generation are also sanctioned to validate alternative strategies.

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises is implementing the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) which was launched in August, 2008. The programme directly creates self-employment by providing credit linked subsidy for setting up of micro enterprises. The scheme is for implementation from 2008-09 to 2012-13 with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 4735 crore towards margin money and Rs. 250 crore towards backward and forward linkages with the target for generation of 37.37 lakh employment opportunities.

(c) As per the most recent quinquennial surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on employment and unemployment, the unemployment rate on Current Daily Status (CDS) basis has increased from 7.3% in 1999-2000 to 8.3% in 2004-05. However, employment opportunities have also increased from 338.19 million in 1999-2000 to 384.91 million in 2004-05. The growth rate in employment has been estimated at 1.25 per cent per annum during the period 1993-94 to 1999-2000, which has gone up to 2.62 per cent per annum during the period 1999-2000 to 2004-05. The 11th Plan Document projects that about 58 million employment opportunities are likely to be generated during 11th Plan Period.